

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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BRITTANY MCHENRY	)	
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Plaintiff,	)	
	)	Case 1:19-cv-11294 (PAE)
-v-	)	
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FOX NEWS NETWORK, LLC, FOX	)	<u>CIVIL CASE</u>
CORPORATION, GEORGE MURDOCH	)	<u>MANAGEMENT PLAN</u>
(A/K/A "TYRUS"), JENNIFER RAUCHET,	)	<u>AND SCHEDULING</u>
JOHN FINLEY, and MONICA MEKEEL,	)	<u>ORDER</u>
Defendants.		
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This Civil Case Management Plan (the "Plan") is submitted by the parties in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f)(3).

1. All parties (consent) do not consent to conducting all further proceedings before a Magistrate Judge, including motions and trial. 28 U.S.C. § 636(c). *[Circle one.]* The parties are free to withhold consent without adverse substantive consequences. *[If all parties consent, the remaining paragraphs need not be completed.]*
2. This case is (is not) to be tried to a jury. *[Circle one.]*
3. Amended pleadings may not be filed and additional parties may not be joined except with leave of the Court. *[Absent exceptional circumstances, thirty (30) days.]*
4. Defendant Rauchet shall serve initial disclosures, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1), by **January 13, 2021**. *[Absent exceptional circumstances, fourteen (14) days.]*
5. All fact discovery shall be completed no later than **March 31, 2021**. *[A period not to exceed 120 days, unless the Court finds that the case presents unique complexities or other exceptional circumstances.]*
6. The parties are to conduct discovery in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Local Rules of the Southern District of New York. The following interim deadlines may be extended by the written consent of all parties without application to the Court, provided that all fact discovery is completed by the date set forth in paragraph 5 above.
  - a. Initial requests for production of documents to be served by Plaintiff on Defendant Rauchet and by Defendant Rauchet on Plaintiff, by **February 12, 2021**. Initial requests for production of documents have been exchanged by the other parties.

- b. Initial interrogatories to be served by Plaintiff on Defendant Rauchet and by Defendant Rauchet on Plaintiff, by **February 12, 2021**. Initial interrogatories have been exchanged by the other parties.
  - c. Depositions to be completed by **March 31, 2021**.
  - d. Requests to Admit to be served no later than **March 1, 2021**.
- 7.
- a. All expert discovery shall be completed no later than **May 17, 2021**. *[Absent exceptional circumstances, a date forty-five (45) days from the date in paragraph 5, i.e., the completion of all fact discovery.]*
  - b. No later than **March 1, 2021**, which is thirty (30) days prior to the date in paragraph 5, i.e., the completion of all fact discovery (**March 31, 2021**), the parties shall meet and confer on a schedule for expert disclosures, including reports, production of underlying documents and depositions, provided that (i) expert report(s) of the party with the burden of proof shall be due before those of the opposing party's expert(s); and (ii) all expert discovery shall be completed by the date set forth in paragraph 7(a).
8. All motions and applications shall be governed by the Court's Individual Rules and Practices, including the requirement of a pre-motion conference before a motion for summary judgment is filed. Pursuant to the authority of Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(c)(2), any motion for summary judgment will be deemed untimely unless a request for a pre-motion conference relating thereto is made in writing by **April 14, 2021**.
9. All counsel must meet face-to-face or via video conference for at least one hour to discuss settlement by **April 14, 2021**, which is fourteen (14) days following the close of fact discovery (**March 31, 2021**).
- 10.
- a. Counsel for the parties have discussed an informal exchange of information in aid of early settlement of this case and have agreed upon the following:  
  
**The parties have informally exchanged information to aid early settlement.**
  - b. Counsel for the parties have discussed the use of the following alternate dispute resolution mechanisms for use in this case: (i) a settlement conference before a Magistrate Judge; (ii) participation in the District's Mediation Program; and/or (iii) retention of a privately-retained mediator. Counsel for the parties propose the following alternate dispute resolution mechanism for this case:  
  
**The parties attended two preliminary settlement conferences with Magistrate Judge Freeman, but do not believe that further settlement discussions would be productive at this time.**
  - c. Counsel for the parties recommend that the alternate dispute resolution mechanism designated in paragraph 10(b), be employed at the following point in

the case (*e.g.*, within the next sixty days; after the deposition of plaintiff is completed (specify date); after the close of fact discovery):

**See Paragraph 9 above.**

- d. The use of any alternative dispute resolution mechanism does not stay or modify any date in this Order.
- 11. The Final Pretrial Order date is thirty (30) days following the close of fact and expert discovery (whichever is later). By the Final Pretrial Order date, the parties shall submit a Joint Pretrial Order prepared in accordance with the undersigned's Individual Rules and Practices and Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(3). Any motions in limine shall be filed after the close of discovery on or before the Final Pretrial Order date. If this action is to be tried before a jury, proposed voir dire, jury instructions and verdict form shall also be filed on or before the Final Pretrial Order date. Counsel are required to meet and confer on a joint submission of proposed jury instructions and verdict form, noting any points of disagreement in the joint submission. Jury instructions may not be submitted after the Final Pretrial Order date, unless they meet the standard of Fed. R. Civ. P. 51(a)(2)(A). If this action is to be tried to the Court, proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law should be submitted on or before the Final Pretrial Order date.
- 12. Counsel for the parties have conferred and their present best estimate of the length of trial is **5 days**.
- 13. The Court scheduled the next Case Management Conference for **April 29, 2021 at 2:00 pm**.

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**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE COURT:**

The Plan has been reviewed by the Court and, except as modified, is adopted as the Scheduling Order of this Court in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(b).

14. [Other]

This ORDER may not be modified or the dates herein extended, except by further Order of this Court for good cause shown. Any application to modify or extend the dates herein (except as noted in paragraph 6) shall be made in a written application in accordance with paragraph 1.E of the Court's Individual Rules and Practices and shall be made no less than two (2) business days prior to the expiration of the date sought to be extended.

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Paul A. Engelmayer  
United States District Judge

Dated: New York, New York

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